

Classified Advertisements

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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

FOR SALE—Big bargain. Crown piano, cost \$450. Good as new. \$200 cash takes it. 168 Meade St. 60-31*

WANTED—A family to occupy and look after a 5-room house and 3/4 acres of land for half rent. Call at 743 Oak St. 60-41*

GRANTS PASS BONDS

City Will Be Bonded for \$250,000 to Assist in Construction of Line to Coast.

Grants Pass, Dec. 19.—By a vote of 1,130 to 62, the citizens of Grants Pass yesterday approved the proposed bond issue of \$250,000 for the purpose of assisting in the construction of a railroad from this city 85 miles to the sea at Crescent City, Cal.

The raising of \$250,000 is practically assured at the latter place. Large lumbering interests there are interested in the construction of the road, and 12 miles of line already constructed inland from that point will be made over to the Pacific Interior Railroad, as the new line is to be called.

Dr. J. F. Reddy, the well-known promoter, formerly of Spokane and later of Medford, has just returned from New York, where he went to make preliminary arrangements for the floating of the bonds of the new road. He received every assurance that the money necessary, over the amounts being raised here and at Crescent City, would be readily forthcoming.

The line as projected not only furnishes the Rogue river valley with its long-desired outlet to salt water, but passes through a rich, undeveloped mineral and timber region which will provide an immense tonnage. A spur will tap the famous Blue Ledge copper mine, owned by Charles F. Towne of New York, on which \$1,500,000 has already been spent in development work. The proposed line will also pass through the redwood forests of Del Norte county, besides tapping some of the largest and best tracts of sugar and yellow pine in southern Oregon.

Do Not Plant Freaks, Says Landscape Man.

Warning against the planting of freaks and costly ornamental plants, Prof. A. L. Peck, landscape gardener of the Oregon Agricultural College, gave some excellent practical advice to the visiting farmers at the Oregon Agricultural College last week.

Explaining first that the delay in the development of landscape work was due, usually, to a lack of knowledge as to how to proceed since the progressive farmer is always looking for the best in all things and is perfectly willing to beautify the home grounds, Professor Peck spoke of the two styles, formal and natural.

The location of the buildings, the drives, walks and plantings already there must be studied, he said, with special attention to grades, curves and material. He discouraged the use of such artificial ornaments as iron stags, stone dogs and china rabbits.

The improvements of the home grounds will naturally stretch over a long time, said the speaker, and necessitate a careful plan. He advised the study of catalogues for the choice of shrubs, vines, ornamental plants and flowers adapted to climatic and other conditions and suited to the surroundings.

ASHLANDER GETS MONOGRAM.

O. Sifton of Ashland on O. A. C. Team.

J. N. Shaw of Aberdeen, Wash., is O. A. C. football captain for next year. The 16 football men granted their monograms this season are: D. Kellogg, Hoquiam, Wash.; T. E. May, Portland; Paul Hofer, Salem; Robert Chrisman, Danville, Ky.; O. Sifton, Ashland; Charles Reynolds, La Grande; Ira Blackwell, Aberdeen, Wash.; James Evenden, Warrenton; J. N. Shaw, Aberdeen; W. S. Richardson, Salem; Gordon Rasmussen, Marshfield; A. L. Larson, Astoria; L. M. McKinzie, Summerville.

Nuremberg, in Germany, has been preparing to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the advent of the picture postcard.

A new wheelbarrow dumps its load forward, as the handles are pushed down, saving its user the labor of lifting it.

A floating couch for bathers or persons undergoing a water cure recently was patented in England.

In some parts of Switzerland a motor car must be preceded by a horseman.

WHEN WAS THE CHRIST CHILD BORN?

It is not generally known that there is a grave question as to the actual date of Christ's birth.

For many centuries we have celebrated Christmas on Dec. 25 and have not troubled ourselves with chronological inquiries. That course is no doubt reasonable and proper, for the churches have sanctioned it.

As a matter of fact, few modern theologians and chronologists agree as to the date of the birth of the Saviour. What most of them agree in, however, is that it did not occur on Dec. 25.

A point on which there is still more unanimity is that Christ was not born in the year which we call 1 A. D. He was born at least four years earlier.

The present method of counting the years was introduced by the Roman abbot Dionysius Exiguus in the sixth century and came into general use two centuries later, during the reign of Charlemagne. He placed the Nativity on Dec. 25, 754, A. U. C.—i. e., after the founding of Rome. Nearly all chronologists agree that he was wrong by about four years. Christ, according to them, was born 750 A. U. C., or 4 B. C., if not earlier.

Much evidence is offered in support of this. According to Matthew II, 1, Christ was born in the days of King Herod I, or the Great, who died, according to Josephus, at Jericho A. U. C. 750, just before the Passover. This date has been verified by the astronomical calculations of the eclipse of the moon, which took place on March 13 in the year 750 A. U. C., a few days before Herod's death.

Allowing two months or more for the events between the birth of Christ and the murder of the innocents by Herod, the nativity must be put back at least to February or January, 750 A. U. C. or 4 B. C.

The star which guided the wise men has been brought into service in the attempt to fix the birth of Christ with scientific accuracy. Between 1003 and 1604 the great astronomer Kepler observed a conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn, which was made more luminous by the addition of Mars in the month of March, 1604. In the autumn of the same year he observed near the planets Saturn, Jupiter and Mars a new fixed star of uncommon brilliancy.

It was blazing and glittering "like the most beautiful and glorious torch ever seen when driven by a strong wind" and seemed to Kepler an "exceedingly wonderful work of God."

He thought that this phenomenon might lead to the determination of the date of Christ's birth. By careful calculation he ascertained that a similar conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn, with the later addition of Mars and probably some extraordinary star, took place repeatedly between the years 747 and 748 A. U. C.

The discovery of Kepler was almost forgotten until the nineteenth century, when it was independently confirmed by several eminent astronomers, among them Schubert of St. Petersburg, Ideler and Bencke of Berlin and Pritchard of London.

The majority of theologians agree that the date of Christ's birth cannot be fixed accurately from the New Testament or from any other source.

A Perfect Christmas.

Let us try to imagine what a scene the world would present if all men the earth around could have and enjoy one perfect Christmas—one day in which the Christmas spirit should manifest itself in every human heart in all its happiest, truest, largest meaning. What a foretaste of the millennium such a day would be! What sorrows would be mitigated, what miseries assuaged, what enmities, jealousies, bitternesses, would be buried never to be renewed! Such a Christmas even for one day would be a source of immeasurable blessing to the world. It could not fail to break the crust of human selfishness beyond restoration and set many springs of kindness and good will flowing, never to cease. While such a Christmas, even for a day, can exist only in the realm of dreams, it is within our power to make each recurring Christmas measurably like it by translating our wishes into deeds, by making the best of our means and opportunities to make life a little brighter and a little sweeter for those around us and a little nearer like the life we could truly wish for all mankind.—Leslie's Weekly.

The Usual Result.

"What do you want for Christmas this year, John?" asked his wife. "I don't know," he replied. "All right," she said. "I'll get you something for the house."

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JACKSONVILLE LETTER

O. H. Barnhill, Who Is Serving on the Jury at the County Seat, Writes.

It is with a sense of relief that the county-seat visitor, on official business bent, turns from the busy court room, where the air is befogged with tobacco smoke and legal technicalities, to a quiet contemplation of the surrounding city. Jacksonville resembles an old-fashioned New England village, some of the houses having fireplace chimneys and small-paned windows, the roofs greened over with the moss of many years. It is said that some of the oldest inhabitants have moss on their north sides, but this is only hearsay. These old-timers love to sit in sunny places and slowly consume plugs of eating tobacco, while they recall the stirring days of sixty years ago, when Jacksonville was a wild and woolly western mining camp, the chief city of southern Oregon.

It was only a couple of years after the forty-niners made their memorable rushe for the California diggings that gold was discovered near Jacksonville, since which time ten million dollars' worth of the yellow metal has been taken from the bosom of mother earth in southern Oregon. That is the estimate of C. C. Beekman, Jacksonville's venerable banker and most notable figure. Coming to this place ten years before the Civil War began, he carried the mail from Yreka, traveling by night to avoid the Indians. While engaged in this and various other enterprises young Beekman lived a clean and frugal life, saving his money until enabled to start a bank, which he is still operating, although now in his 85th year. The Beekman bank is the oldest business house between Yreka and Salem and is worthy of being preserved by the State Historical Society as an interesting relic of pioneer days. The first object to catch the visitor's eye is a huge brass balance scales which cost \$1,000 and is so nicely adjusted on its jeweled bearings that it will turn at a quarter of a grain, yet is large enough to weigh several pounds. Hanging on the wall are framed signs which seem strangely out of date in this day and age. "Gold dust shipped to the Atlantic states and insured." There is a large steel engraving, appropriately inscribed, advertising a stagecoach line. The Wells-Fargo Express Company has had an agency here for more than forty years. There is an old wooden bench that has been in continuous use by patrons of the bank since 1855. There is no metal screen above the counter and it was with difficulty that the writer convinced one of Ashland's leading business men that this quaint little shop was really a bank. As a matter of fact it is one of the safest and solidest financial institutions of Oregon. Panics come and panics go, but Beekman's Bank remains undisturbed.

The present discounting of county warrants reminds Mr. Beekman of Civil War times, when greenbacks were bought at 40 to 90 cents on the dollar. From the cavernous recesses of the ancient, stone-walled vault a number of golden nuggets were produced, some of them curiously shaped and worth \$200 each.

As the aged banker slowly performed his self-allotted tasks, talking interestingly of pioneer days, I asked the good old man why he did not retire from active business.

"I've tried to," he replied, "but they won't let me, these old-timers. They know nothing about checks, passbooks and the new way of doing business. They insist that I stay here and hand them their money whenever they want it, as I've always done."

Jacksonville has four saloons, which means that it is far more plentifully supplied with these hell-holes than is Medford, population considered. Much of the poverty and destitution here is doubtless directly due to these booze joints, which give nothing of value in return for the many thousands of dollars which they take from the people every year.

There is an old brewery, which now stands idle, the local red-noses preferring to drink Schlitz, the beer that made Milwaukee infamous, or some other outside brew. This is a good place to controvert that old chestnut about there being no more drinking and drunkenness in a saloon town than in a prohibition place. The writer hasn't seen a drunken man during the three years he has resided in Ashland, yet observed one the first day he came to the county seat. Another day a farmer was observed driving home with a load of tile, so drunk that a bystander remarked that there wouldn't be much tile left at the end of the journey. However, brighter days are in store for Jacksonville. The better half of its citizens now have the ballot, and the splendid

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TALKS ON ADVERTISING TO TIDINGS READERS.

(By Ralph Kaye.)

I realize that clean linen is paramount to my appearance. I think that every business man will say the same thing. Therefore when he decides on which laundry he will patronize it will be the one where he is assured that his collars, cuffs, shirts, etc., will be treated right.

In the advertisement of a laundry the points should be brought out that—

THEY know the importance of clean linen.

That they have the methods and facilities to accomplish this.

That the collars they turn out have just the right finish.

That the shirts are starched and ironed just right.

And so on through the line.

Saying that my laundry does the best work means nothing. But if I say that my laundry appreciates the importance of appearing in business and social circles and that linen turned out by us has the proper looks, I am convincing my future customers that I know what is necessary in their appearance as well as they do.

An advertisement has to convince the reader.

First, that the firm advertising appreciates what he should have.

Second, that the finest product or service will accomplish the desired result.

Next talk on bakery advertising.

—One-half off on trimmed hats, shapes and fancy feathers and 25 per cent off on beavers at Mrs. Simons', 167 East Main. 56-11

—Remember, just one day left to buy Xmas goods. You'll find it at Enders'. Shop in the morning.

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Our Store Will Be Closed ALL CHRISTMAS DAY

We Wish You All A Very Merry Christmas

H. G. Enders & Son

Program of O. A. C. Band Concert.

The program of the sixth annual band concert at the Oregon Agricultural College last Friday, which will be used by the military band of 30 pieces on their tour through the Rogue river valley in the holidays, includes the following ten numbers:

1. March, "The O. A. C. Booster," H. L. Beard.
2. Overture, "Semiramide," Rosin.
3. "Forest Echoes," Keisler.
4. "Hear Me, Norma," Bellini.

Duet for cornet and trombone from opera "Norma," Everett Morgs and Edwin Woodcock.

5. Selection from "Tannhauser," Wagner.

Fifteen minute chalk talk by "Pinto."

6. "Dance of the Serpents," Boccalari.

7. Baritone solo, "Toreador's Song" from "Carmen," sung by H. L. Rees.

8. "Anvil Chorus" from "Il Trovatore," Verdi.

9. Humoresque, "What's the Matter With Father?" Lampe.

10. March, "Sempre Fidelis," "Star Spangled Banner."

Jordan to Direct Wilson Inaugural.

New York, Dec. 20.—William F. McCombs, chairman of the democratic national committee, will late today announce the appointment of Eldridge Jordan, president of the Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank of Washington, as chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements for the inauguration of President-elect Woodrow Wilson.

—You can get the Hoover suction sweeper, absolutely the best made, at Simpson's Hardware Store.

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Basketball.

On Friday, December 20, occurred a snappy and exciting game of basketball between the Sioux and the Methodist Boys of Ashland, at the normal gymnasium, resulting in a decided victory for the Sioux, with a score of 36 to 9.

The Methodist Boys are being coached by Mr. Homer Billings and the Sioux by Mr. G. E. Millner, who is an all around athlete, who took part in all the athletic games while attending Morningside College at Sioux City, Iowa. He also played with the Giants, the Y. M. C. A. team at Sioux City. Mr. Millner also took special work under Coach Stage of the University of Chicago, while attending Chicago University.

Mr. Millner is in hopes of being able to form a tournament among the various teams of Ashland who are playing basketball.

The lineup of the teams are as follows:

Sioux—Stevens, center; Parker, left guard; Brown, captain, right guard; Eaton, left forward; Fox, right forward; Porter and Haynes, sub forwards.

Methodists—Martin, center; Ackhard, left guard; Stannard, right guard; Wenner, left forward; Freeman, right forward.

There will be a game this evening at the normal gymnasium between the Baraca team of the Baptist church, which is coached by V. O. N. Smith, and the Sioux.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the Ashland Fruit and Produce Association will be held in the city hall at 2 o'clock p. m. Saturday, January 4, 1913. All members are requested to attend this meeting, without fail.

C. H. GILLETTE,

President.

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Nothing would please her quite as much as one of those handsome

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